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BRIEFING, SEPTEMBER 20: EXTRACTED PORTION PERTAINING TO TURKISH POPPY

1. FYI ONLY: THE FOLLOWING IS THE UNCORRECTED TEXT OF
THAT PORTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 20 NEWS BRIEFING QUESTIONS
AND ANSWERS CONCERNING THE TURKISH DECISION TO ADOPT
THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS:

"I HAVE ONE OTHER ANNOUNCEMENT I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU.
AND THIS CONCERNS THE REVISED TURKEY POPPY CULTIVATION
SYSTEM.

"THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION JULY 1
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OF THIS YEAR TO AUTHORIZE THE RESUMPTION OF THE
CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPIES. SINCE THAT TIME THERE
HAS BEEN AN ON-GOING HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR
TWO GOVERNMENTS DURING WHICH WE HAVE MADE CLEAR OUR

CONCERN AT THE POSSIBILITY OF A RENEWED FLOW OF HEROIN MADE FROM TURKISH OPIUM TO THE UNITED STATES. WE STRESSED THE VITAL NEED FOR EFFECTIVE CONTROL.

"A SPECIAL UNITED NATIONS TEAM HAS ALSO RECENTLY HELD DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IN TURKEY. THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER HAS REPEATEDLY ASSURED US OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S STRONG DETERMINATION TO PREVENT SMUGGLING.

THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO ADOPT A METHOD OF HARVESTING THE POPPIES CALLED THE "POPPY STRAW PROCESS," WHICH INVOLVED THE COLLECTION BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF THE WHOLE POPPY POD RATHER THAN THE OPIUM GUM. TRADITIONALLY THE OPIUM GUM WAS TAKEN BY THE FARMERS THROUGH LANCING THE POD IN THE FIELD. AND IT WAS A PORTION OF THIS GUM THAT WAS ILLEGALLY DIVERTED.

"WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THIS DECISION. WITH EFFECTIVE POLICING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE OPIUM GUM IS NOT ILLEGALLY EXTRACTED BY THE FARMERS, THE REFLOW OF HEROIN THAT WE FEAR CAN BE AVOIDED.

"NOW, THIS IS A VERY TECHNICAL SUBJECT. I HAVE IN MY OFFICE, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE INTERESTED, A BACKGROUND PAPER WHICH CAN DESCRIBE TO YOU IN MORE DETAIL JUST WHAT THE STRAW PROCESS IS, AND IT'S AVAILABLE IN MY OFFICE FOR ANY OF YOU THAT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT."

"Q: WASN'T THE STRAW PROCESS PERFECTED IN THE UNITED STATES? AND, IF SO, WHY WAS IT SOLD TO THE TURKS, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO PREVENT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT FROM GROWING POPPIES?"

"A: I CANNOT ANSWER WHETHER THIS STRAW PROCESS WAS INVENTED IN THE UNITED STATES OR NOT." (NOTE:
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THE PRESS WAS LATER INFORMED THAT THE CORRECT ANSWER IS: THE UNITED STATES DID NOT SELL THE SO-CALLED POPPY STRAW PROCESS TO THE TURKS. THIS IS BUT ONE OF A NUMBER OF WAYS TO CULTIVATE THE OPIUM POPPY. IN FACT, THE STRAW PROCESS IS BEING UTILIZED BY A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TURKISH DECISION WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO GATHER THE CROP BY COLLECTING THE ENTIRE POD RATHER THAN THROUGH THE INCISING OF THE POD TO OBTAIN OPIUM GUM.)

"Q: IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE, IN ONE OF THE BRIEFINGS. WE WERE TOLD THAT THE REASON WHY THERE WAS AN

EXPERIMENTAL POPPY FARM SOMEWHERE IN THE MID-WEST
WAS TO PERFECT THE SHREDDING PROCESS."

"A: WELL, AND THEN YOUR QUESTION FOLLOWING THAT WAS
WHY DID WE?"

"Q: YES, WHY DID WE GIVE THEM THE SHREDDING PROCESS
IF WE WANTED TO PREVENT THEM FROM GROWING POPPIES IN
THE FIRST PLACE?"

"A: WELL, LET ME SAY THIS, EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT AN
EXPERT IN THIS AREA, THAT THE POPPY STRAW PROCESS MEANS
THAT THE FARMERS WOULD SELL ALL OF THEIR OPIUM POPPIES
TO THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT LANCING, OR CUTTING IF YOU
WILL, THE PODS. AND THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF PRODUC-
TION IS FOR THE FARMER TO LANCE EACH OF THE POPPY PODS
DURING A WEEK OR TEN DAYS AFTER MATURITY IS REACHED,
WHEN A PHENOMENON KNOWN AS ROOT PRESSURE IN THE LIVING
PLANT CAUSES THE LATEX IN THE POD TO OOZE OUT THROUGH
THE SLASH.

"AND THIS LATEX, OR OPIUM GUM IF YOU WILL, IS THEN
COLLECTED BY THE FARMER, AND HE THEN WAS SUPPOSED TO
SELL THIS OPIUM GUM TO THE GOVERNMENT. BUT NOW WITH
THIS NEW SYSTEM --"

"Q: BUT THAT STILL DOESN'T ANSWER MY QUESTION. I
APPRECIATE YOUR GOING THROUGH THE PROCESS AS TO WHAT
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THIS THING IS ALL ABOUT, BUT WHY DID WE SELL THEM OR
GIVE THEM THIS PROCESS IN THE FIRST PLACE?"

"A: I DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE SOLD IT TO THEM OR NOT.
I HAVE NO IDEA."

"Q: DOES THIS SETTLE THIS CONTROVERSY? YOU SAY YOU
ARE VERY PLEASED BY THIS DECISION. AS FAR AS THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, ARE WE GIVING UP OUR
EFFORTS TO GET THEM TO QUIT OPIUM PRODUCTION?"

"A: I WOULD RATHER LEAVE IT AT THIS STAGE THAT WE ARE
VERY PLEASED WITH THIS DECISION, TAKEN IN PRINCIPLE."

"Q: IS THAT PLEASURE BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE
GOVERNMENT PRESUMABLY IS MORE HONEST THAN THE FARMERS
AND WOULD NOT PASS ON ANY OF THE EXCESS GUM?"

"A: WE FEEL THAT THIS NEW SYSTEM THAT THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED IN PRINCIPLE WILL MAKE IT

LESS LIKELY THAT THE OPIUM GUM WILL BE DIVERTED INTO CHANNELS WHICH WOULD AGAIN RENEW THE IMPORTS OF HEROIN INTO THE UNITED STATES."

"Q: WHAT IS MEANT BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US THAT IT HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE? WHAT IS MEANT BY "AGREED IN PRINCIPLE," THAT IT WILL CONTEMPLATE THE POSSIBILITY OF INTRODUCING THIS

PROCESS, OR THAT IT HAS AGREED TO DO THIS?"

"A: THIS IS WHAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED US. WE HAVE NO REASON NOT TO THINK THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS NOT GOING TO GO FORWARD WITH THE SYSTEM THAT I OUTLINED IN THE BRIEF STATEMENT THAT I MADE."

"Q: WHEN THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS GOING TO RESUME OPIUM PRODUCTION, AS I RECALL, WE RECALLED OUR AMBASSADOR FOR CONSULTATIONS AND THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CONTINUATION OF THE AMERICAN AID WHICH HAD BEEN PROMISED THE TURKS AS PART OF THEIR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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BAN ON OPIUM PRODUCTION. I THINK FROM THIS PODIUM IT WAS STATED THAT WE REGARDED THAT AS AN ACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TURKS THAT THEY WERE VIOLATING. HAVE WE NOW SLID OFF THIS THING ALTOGETHER? IN OTHER WORDS, THE AID IS GOING TO CONTINUE. THERE NEVER WAS ANY ANNOUNCEMENT HERE OF SUSPENSION OF THE AID. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY VOICES ON THE HILL TO SUSPEND ECONOMIC AID BECAUSE OF THIS. ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TAKE THIS STATEMENT OF YOURS AS A SORT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT WE'VE NOW MOVED OFF OUR PREVIOUS POSITION?"

"A: LET ME SAY TWO THINGS ON THAT. IT WAS ON JULY 4, IN BRUSSELS, WHEN THE SECRETARY FIRST ADDRESSED HIMSELF TO THE DECISION OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT. AND I REFER YOU BACK TO WHAT HE SAID THEN.

"SECONDLY, LET ME MAKE JUST ONE OTHER POINT ON THIS, THAT ON THE QUESTION OF CUTTING OFF ECONOMIC AID, WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO THIS. WE DO NOT THINK THAT SUCH A MOVE IS THE WAY TO GO ABOUT SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF THE TURKISH POPPY CULTIVATION."

"Q: DOES THAT APPLY TO MILITARY AID ALSO?"

"A: I WAS ASKED AND REFERRED TO THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC AID."

"Q: YES."

"Q: LET ME GO BACK INTO THIS. THE CONGRESS HAS APPROVED THAT MONEY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THIS CULTIVATION WOULD BE STOPPED. NOW, OBVIOUSLY TURKEY HAS VIOLATED THE AGREEMENT. TURKEY WILL MAKE MONEY FROM THE OPIUM PRODUCTION, WHICH IS ONE OF THE REASONS TURKEY HAS RESUMED PRODUCTION OF OPIUM. WHY SHOULD THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE THE ECONOMIC AID THEN?"

"A: I WOULD NOT LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION THAT YOU REFER TO. I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT TEXT. I KNOW THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION ON THE HILL. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF, I LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVE, DIFFERENT RESOLUTIONS, DIFFERENT STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. AND I DO NOT WISH TO GET INTO THEM BECAUSE EACH OF THEM WERE DIFFERENT, AND I WOULD PREFER TO LEAVE IT JUST THERE.

"LET ME MAKE ONE OTHER POINT WITH REGARD TO THE CONGRESS. AND THAT IS THAT OBVIOUSLY THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONSULTING WITH THE CONGRESS ABOUT THE SUBJECT THAT I GAVE YOU IN THE BEGINNING."

"Q: I HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS HERE ON THIS POINT. WHEN WAS THIS AGREEMENT THAT YOU ARE ANNOUNCING TODAY REACHED?"

"A: I CANNOT TELL YOU THE EXACT DAY ON WHEN THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT INFORMED US."

"Q: WELL, THE REASON I ASK THIS SPECIFICALLY IS THAT YESTERDAY THE ADMINISTRATION WAS OVERWHELMINGLY DEFEATED IN THE SENATE ON A VOTE OF CUTTING OFF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AFTER THE SECRETARY OF STATE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE INFORMED THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS AND THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS THAT THE LEGAL STAFF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD CONCLUDED THAT THE DOMINANT VIEW OF THE LEGAL STAFF IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT WAS THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF ARMS AID TO TURKEY WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE EXISTING STATUTES AS A RESULT OF THE USE OF TURKISH WEAPONS IN THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

"MY FIRST QUESTION ON THAT IS: THIS QUESTION HAVING BEEN POSED HERE REPEATEDLY FOR WEEKS AND HAVING BEEN AVOIDED, IS IT CORRECT THAT THE LEGAL STAFF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED IN ITS DOMINANT VIEW THAT THE CONTINUANCE OF AID WAS ILLEGAL?"

"A: I WILL STAND ON THE QUESTION OF ANY LEGAL STUDY

THAT THE SECRETARY ASKED TO BE PREPARED FOR HIM WHERE
I HAVE BEFORE. I'M NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THE
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THEY MAY HAVE MADE."

"Q: COULD WE BE MORE SPECIFIC THEN AS TO THE TIMING
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OF THIS ASSURANCE THAT WAS GIVEN ON THE CHANGE IN
PRACTICE FOR POPPY CULTIVATION?"

"A: THE TIMING ON THE ASSURANCE?"

"Q: YES."

"A: WHAT ASSURANCE ARE YOU REFERRING TO?"

"Q: WHAT YOU ARE ANNOUNCING TODAY. I'M TRYING TO SEE
WHAT THE RELATION OF THIS IS TO THIS VOTE IN THE
SENATE YESTERDAY."

"A: AS I RECALL, IT WAS THREE OR FOUR DAYS AGO WHEN
THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT INFORMED US THAT IT HAD DECIDED
IN PRINCIPLE TO ADOPT THIS METHOD. LAST WEEK."

"Q: DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY COMMENT ON
THE VOTE IN THE SENATE YESTERDAY RECOMMENDING A CUTOFF
OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY ON GROUNDS THAT THE CONTINUANCE
OF AID IS IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING STATUTES?"

"A: ON THIS, I THINK I WILL STAND JUST WHERE THE
SECRETARY HAS BEEN HERE. WE KNOW WHAT THE VIEWS OF THE
ADMINISTRATION ARE WITH REGARD TO THE CONTINUATION OF
MILITARY AID TO TURKEY. AND, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE,
THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE PRESIDENT. AND AS I HAVE
SAID BEFORE, HE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL
LEADERSHIP ON THIS QUESTION."

"Q: YOU SAID WE WERE INFORMED THREE OR FOUR DAYS AGO.
WAS THERE ANY NEGOTIATION SINCE THEN?"

"A: I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU -- SEE IF I CAN FIND --
BE MORE PRECISE. IT MAY HAVE BEEN A WEEK AGO. IT WAS
LAST WEEK AT SOME POINT."

"Q: WELL, NO, I'M NOT SO MUCH AIMING FOR WHEN
SPECIFICALLY AS TRYING TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS
ANYTHING LEFT, ANY THREADS LEFT HERE; AND SECONDLY, WHY
THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS WITHHELD FOR THREE OR FOUR DAYS
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OR A WEEK."

"A: WE WERE DISCUSSING THIS QUESTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY --"

"Q: THERE HAS BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSION SINCE?"

"A: YES. -- ON THE QUESTION OF ANNOUNCING. AND YOU MIGHT HAVE NOTICED THAT -- I BELIEVE IT WAS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON OR LAST EVENING -- THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE IN GENEVA ANNOUNCED VIRTUALLY THE SAME THING THAT I HAVE ANNOUNCED HERE, BECAUSE THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN VERY DEEPLY INVOLVED IN DISCUSSIONS, AS I SAID IN MY STATEMENT, WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT."

"Q: HAS THE UNITED STATES BEEN GIVEN ANY FIRM ASSURANCES BY TURKEY THAT THIS NEW POLICY WILL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED FOR THE FIRST OPIUM HARVEST?"

"A: I WOULD RATHER LEAVE IT RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THIS IS A VERY EARLY STAGE HERE, I WOULD RATHER LEAVE IT JUST WHERE I HAVE IN MY STATEMENT."

"Q: A TECHNICAL POINT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY IT'S EASIER, OR WHAT'S TO PREVENT THE FARMER FROM SLASHING WHATEVER HE SLASHES AND TAKING THE OPIUM GUM OUT AND SELLING IT ILLEGALLY NOW, THE WHOLE THING INSTEAD OF JUST A LITTLE BIT OF IT."

"A: I HOPE THAT THIS BACKGROUND STATEMENT THAT I HAVE AVAILABLE FOR YOU WILL HELP. BUT AS AN AMATEUR LET ME POINT OUT ONE OR TWO THINGS AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

"THERE IS ONE POD ON EACH PLANT. AND THERE ARE VERY SPECIFIC AREAS THAT ARE DELINEATED FOR CULTIVATION. AND IF A FARMER TAKES AWAY A PLANT, FOR INSTANCE, IT CAN BE NOTICED BY INSPECTORS IN THE FIELD. IF HE SLASHES THE POD DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD, THEN THE INSPECTORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THAT SLASH. AND UNDER THIS NEW SYSTEM THERE IS TO BE NO SLASHING OF THE POD BY THE FARMERS, WHICH IS THEIR TRADITIONAL WAY OF DOING IT.
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"SO THE INSPECTORS COME IN, THEY SEE THE FIELD WITH THE POPPIES IN NICE LITTLE ROWS, AND IF THEY SEE ANY THAT ARE SLASHED, THEY'LL GET 'EM.

"THAT'S ON BACKGROUND, ALL OF THAT."

"Q: YOU SAID A MINUTE AGO THAT THIS WAS AT A VERY EARLY STAGE. WHAT HOPE DO YOU HAVE THAT THIS THING IS GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT ALL, AND WHEN?"

"A: WE HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED."

"Q: WELL, DO YOU HAVE ANY INDICATION FROM THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF WHEN THEY INTEND TO DO THIS?"

"A: I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANY TIMEFRAME HERE. BUT, AS I SAID IN THE STATEMENT, WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE DECISION, AND WE DO HOPE THAT IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED."

"Q: BACK ON TURKEY: IS THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HOLDING UP ASSURANCES THAT THIS POLICY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ANY WAY, IN RELATION TO A DECISION HERE ABOUT AN AMERICAN ECONOMIC OR MILITARY AID?"

"A: TO MY KNOWLEDGE, ABSOLUTELY NOT."

"Q: WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE?" IS THAT THE MESSAGES FROM THE SECRETARY TO THE TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER, OR --"

"A: THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN THIS QUESTION, AS I THINK HE HAS MENTIONED IN THE PAST, AND OUR AMBASSADOR IN ANKARA, BILL MACOMBER, HE HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT AT DIFFERENT LEVELS."

"Q: ON THIS QUESTION OF YOUR RESPONSE TO WHAT THE SENATE VOTED YESTERDAY IN TERMS OF CONTINUED MILITARY AID TO TURKEY -- I THINK IT WAS AT LEAST A WEEK LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGO THAT YOU SAID, VIRTUALLY THE SAME THING -- THAT THIS IS A MATTER THAT IS NOW BEFORE THE PRESIDENT AND HE'S GOING TO RAISE IT WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS."

"A: RIGHT."

"Q: THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE ANY URGENCY ON THE PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE THIS MATTER UP, IS THERE?"

"A: I CANNOT GIVE YOU ANYTHING ON THE TIMING HERE. I THINK YOU WILL HAVE TO GO TO THE WHITE HOUSE AND FIND OUT WHEN THE PRESIDENT WILL BE MEETING WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP ON THIS SUBJECT.

"NOW, HE DID MEET, I THINK IT WAS YESTERDAY, WITH CERTAIN CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, AND THIS SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP AT THAT MEETING."

"Q: SENATOR EAGLETON SAID, LATE YESTERDAY AS YOU

PROBABLY KNOW, THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE, BY CONTINUING A POLICY LIKE THIS, IS FOLLOWING AN ILLEGAL COURSE OF ACTION. AND DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE THAT STAND, OR DO YOU HAVE ANY PARTICULAR RESPONSE TO WHAT THE SENATOR SAID?"

"A: I WILL ONLY SAY THIS, THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, OF ANY EFFORT TO BE ILLEGAL IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER, HERE."

"Q: WELL I AM MAKING THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LEGAL STUDY HAS CONCLUDED WHAT EVERYBODY SAYS IT HAS, THAT IT IS ILLEGAL TO CONTINUE MILITARY AID TO TURKEY.

"YOUR ANSWER TO MARVIN WAS THAT YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF THE SECRETARY RECOMMENDING THAT WE DO ANYTHING ILLEGAL OR IN VIOLATION OF CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE."

"A: YES, I AM NOT --"
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"Q: SO I DRAW FROM THAT, THAT YOU HAVE NOT MADE YOURSELF AVAILABLE TO READ THAT LEGAL STUDY."

"A: WELL, IF I HAD READ THE LEGAL STUDY, I WOULD NOT COMMENT ON IT HERE, ANYWAY, IN ANY EVENT. AS I'VE SAID ON MANY OCCASIONS, THIS IS A -- THE LEGAL ADVISERS OF THE SECRETARY HAVE GIVEN HIM THEIR OPINIONS. THEY MAY INCLUDE VARIOUS OPTIONS HERE -- AND AS I'VE SAID IN THE PAST WHEN THE SECRETARY WOULD GO OVER TO SEE THE PRESIDENT ON THIS SUBJECT -- HE'S ALREADY DISCUSSED IT WITH HIM A NUMBER OF TIMES -- THAT OBVIOUSLY, WHEN THE SECRETARY WOULD GO OVER THERE, HE WOULD HAVE A POSITION, A SERIES OF OPTIONS ETCETERA, TO PRESENT TO THE PRESIDENT."

COMMENT: RECONFIRMED TO PRESS AFTER BRIEFING THAT THE BALANCE OF THE 35 MILLION DOLLAR FUND (I.E., ABOUT 19 MILLION DOLLARS) TO TURKEY, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN EXPENDED UNDER PREVIOUS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE RESUMED. KISSINGER

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